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PRAYERS used in the ACADEMY of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, in PHILADELPHIA.

ALSO,

A HYMN on the NATIVITY of our SAVIOUR; and another for EASTER-DAY.

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☞ *The Blanks left in Page* 6, *were formerly filled up with the Words* (King) *and* (him); *but as that Form of Expreſſion does not ſuit our Republican Governments, the Teacher will be pleaſed to fill up the Blanks with what Words he may deem Expedient.*

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND CATECHISM.

Queſtion. WHAT *is your Name?*
Anſwer. N. or M.

Q. *Who gave you this Name?*

A. My God-Fathers and God-Mothers in my Baptiſm; wherein I was made a Member of Chriſt, the Child of God, and an Inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Q. *What did your God-Fathers and God-Mothers then for you?*

A. They did Promiſe and Vow three Things in my Name: *Firſt*, That I ſhould renounce the Devil and all his Works, the Pomp and Vanity of this wicked World, and all the ſinful Luſts of the Fleſh: *Secondly*, That I ſhould believe all the Articles of the Chriſtian Faith: And, *Thirdly*, That I ſhould keep God's holy Will and Commandments, and walk in the ſame all the Days of my Life.

Q. *Doſt thou not think, that thou art bound to Believe, and to Do, as they have promiſed for thee?*

A. Yes, verily; and by God's help ſo I will. And I heartily thank our Heavenly Father, that he hath called me to this State of Salvation, through Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. And I pray unto God to give me his Grace, that I may continue in the ſame unto my Life's End.

Catechiſt. *Rehearſe the Articles of thy Belief.*

A. I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth:

And in Jeſus Chriſt his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt; born of the Virgin

Virgin *Mary;* suffered under *Pontius Pilate*; was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into Hell, the third Day he rose again from the Dead, he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the Quick and the Dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of Sins; the Resurrection of the Body, and the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

Q. *What dost thou chiefly learn in these Articles of thy Belief?*

A. First, I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me and all the World.

Secondly, In God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all Mankind.

Thirdly, In God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me, and all the Elect People of God.

Q. *You said that your God-Fathers and God-Mothers did promise for you, that you should keep God's Commandments. Tell me how many there be?*

A. Ten.

Q. *Which be they:*

A. THE same which God spake in the twentieth Chapter of *Exodus*, saying, I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the Land of *Egypt*, out of the House of Bondage.

I. Thou shalt have none other Gods but Me.

II. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven Image, nor the Likeness of any Thing, that is in Heaven above, or in the Earth beneath, or in the Water under the Earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the Sins of the

Fathers

Fathers upon the Children unto the third and fourth Generation of them that hate me; and shew Mercy unto Thousands of them that love me, and keep my Commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.

IV. Remember that thou keep holy the *Sabbath* Day. Six Days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do; but the Seventh Day is the *Sabbath* of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt do no Manner of Work, thou, and thy Son, and thy Daughter, thy Man Servant, and thy Maid Servant, thy Cattle, and the Stranger that is within thy Gates: for in six Days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the Sea, and all that in them is, and rested the Seventh Day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Seventh Day, and hallowed it.

V. Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy Days may be long in the Land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt do no Murder.

VII. Thou shalt not commit Adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not Steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false Witness against thy Neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's House, thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's Wife, nor his Servant, nor his Maid, nor his Ox, nor his Ass, nor any Thing that is his.

Q. *What dost thou chiefly learn by these Commandments?*

A. I learn two Things: My Duty towards God, and my Duty towards my Neighbour.

Q. *What is thy Duty towards God?*

A. My duty towards God, is to believe in him, to fear him, and to love him, with all my Heart, with all my Mind, with all my Soul, and with all my Strength; to Worſhip him, to give him Thanks, to put my whole Truſt in him, to call upon him, to honour his holy Name and his Word; and to ſerve him truly all the Days of my Life.

Q. *What is thy Duty towards thy Neighbour?*

A. My Duty towards my Neighbour, is to love him as myſelf, and to do to all Men as I would they ſhould do unto me; to love, honour, and ſuccour my Father and Mother; to honour and obey the , and all that are put in authority under ; to ſubmit myſelf to all my Governors, Teachers, Spiritual Paſtors, and Maſters; to order myſelf lowly and reverently to all my Betters; to hurt no Body by Word or Deed; to be true and juſt in all my Dealings; to bear no Malice nor Hatred in my Heart; to keep my Hands from Picking and Stealing, and my Tongue from Evil-Speaking, Lying, and Slandering; to keep my Body in Temperance, Soberneſs, and Chaſtity; not to Covet nor Deſire other Mens Goods, but to learn and labour truly to get mine own Living; and to do my Duty in that State of Life unto which it ſhall pleaſe God to call me.

Catechiſt. *My good Child, know this, that thou art not able to do theſe Things of thyſelf, nor to walk in the Commandments of God, and to ſerve him, without his ſpecial Grace; which thou muſt learn at all Times to call for by diligent Prayer. Let me hear, therefore, if thou canſt ſay the Lord's Prayer?*

A. OUR

A. OUR Father which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this Day our daily Bread. And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that Treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into Temptation; but deliver us from Evil. *Amen.*

Q. *What deſireſt thou of God in this Prayer?*

A. I deſire my Lord God our heavenly Father, who is the Giver of all Goodneſs, to ſend his Grace unto me, and to all People, that we may worſhip him, ſerve him, and obey him, as we ought to do. And I pray unto God, that he will ſend us all Things that be needful both for our Souls and Bodies; and that he will be merciful unto us, and forgive us our Sins; and that it will pleaſe him to ſave and defend us in all Dangers, ghoſtly and bodily; and that he will keep us from all Sin and Wickedneſs, and from our ghoſtly Enemy, and from everlaſting Death. And this I truſt he will do of his Mercy and Goodneſs, through our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. And therefore I ſay, *Amen:* So be it.

Q. HOW *many Sacraments hath Chriſt ordained in his Church?*

A. Two only, as generally neceſſary to Salvation; that is to ſay, Baptiſm, and the Supper of the Lord.

Q. *What meaneſt thou by this Word* Sacrament?

A. I mean an outward and viſible Sign of an inward and ſpiritual Grace, given unto us, ordained by Chriſt himſelf, as a Means whereby we receive the ſame, and a Pledge to aſſure us thereof.

Q. *How many Parts are there in a Sacrament?*

A. Two:

A. Two: The outward visible Sign, and the inward spiritual Grace.

Q. *What is the outward visible Sign, or Form, in Baptism?*

A. Water; wherein the Person is baptised, *In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

Q. *What is the inward and spiritual Grace?*

A. A Death unto Sin, and a new Birth unto Righteousness: For being by Nature born in Sin, and the Children of Wrath, we are hereby made the Children of Grace.

Q. *What is required of Persons to be baptised?*

A. Repentance, whereby they forsake Sin; and Faith, whereby they stedfastly believe the Promises of God, made to them in that Sacrament.

Q. *Why then are Infants baptised, when, by Reason of their tender Age, they cannot perform them?*

A. Because they promise them both by their Sureties; which Promise, when they come to Age, themselves are bound to perform.

Q. *Why was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained?*

A. For the continual Remembrance of the Sacrifice of the Death of Christ, and of the Benefits which we receive thereby.

Q. *What is the outward Part or Sign of the Lord's Supper?*

A. Bread and Wine, which the Lord hath commanded to be received.

Q. *What is the inward Part or Thing signified?*

A. The Body and Blood of Christ, which are verily and indeed taken and received by the Faithful in the Lord's Supper.

Q. *What*

Q. *What are the Benefits whereof we are Partakers thereby?*

A. The ſtrengthening and refreſhing of our Souls by the Body and Blood of Chriſt, as our Bodies are by the Bread and Wine.

Q. *What is required of them who come to the Lord's Supper?*

A. To examine themſelves, whether they repent them truly of their former Sins, ſtedfaſtly purpoſing to lead a new Life; have a lively Faith in God's Mercy through Chriſt, with a thankful Remembrance of his Death; and be in Charity with all Men.

PRAYERS *uſed in the* ACADEMY *of the* PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, *in Philadelphia.*

LET US PRAY.

Lord have Mercy upon us.

OUR Father, which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this Day our daily Bread. And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that Treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into Temptation; but deliver us from Evil. AMEN.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, almighty and everlaſting God, who haſt ſafely brought us to the Beginning of this Day; defend us in the ſame with thy mighty Power, and grant that this Day we fall into no Sin, neither run into any Kind of Danger; but that all our Doings may be ordered by thy Governance, to do always what is righteous in thy Sight, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. AMEN.

¶ *But at Evening Prayers, inſtead of the foregoing Collect, the following is to be uſed.*

LIGHTEN our Darkneſs, we beſeech thee, O Lord, and by thy great Mercy defend us from all Perils and Dangers of this Night, for the Love of thy only Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. AMEN.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all Mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all Sorts and Conditions of Men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy Ways known unto them, thy saving Health unto all Nations. More especially we pray for the good Estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the Way of Truth, and hold the Faith in Unity of Spirit, in the Bond of Peace, and in Righteousness of Life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly Goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in Mind, Body, or Estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several Necessities, giving them Patience under their Sufferings, and a happy Issue out of all their Afflictions: And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. AMEN.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all Mercies, we thine unworthy Servants do give thee most humble and hearty Thanks for all thy Goodness and loving Kindness to us, and to all Men. We bless thee for our Creation, Preservation, and all the Blessings of this Life; but above all for thine inestimable Love in the Redemption of the World by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the Means of Grace, and for the Hope of Glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due Sense of all thy Mercies, that our Hearts may be unfeignedly Thankful, and that we may shew forth thy Praise, not only with our Lips, but in our Lives, by giving up ourselves to thy Service, and by walking before thee in Holiness and Righteousness all our Days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all Honour and Glory, World without End. AMEN.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us Grace at this Time with one Accord to make our common Supplications unto thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their Requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the Desires and Petitions of thy Servants, as may be most Expedient for them; granting us in this World Knowledge of thy Truth, and in the World to come Life everlasting. AMEN.

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

GRACE before MEAT.

THE Eyes of all Things do look up and truſt in thee, O Lord: Thou openeſt thy Hand liberally, and filleſt every living Thing. Good Lord bleſs us, and all the Gifts which we receive from thee; through Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord. AMEN.

GRACE after MEAT.

THE God of all Glory and Power, who hath created, redeemed, and preſently fed us, be bleſſed and praiſed, both now and for evermore. AMEN.

SONG of the Angels at the Nativity of our bleſſed Saviour, Luke ii, from verſe 8, to verſe 15.

WHILE Shepherds watch'd their Flocks by Night,
All ſeated on the Ground,
The Angel of the Lord came down,
And Glory ſhone around.

"Fear not ſaid he," for mighty Dread,
Had ſeized their troubled Mind;
"Glad Tidings of great Joy I bring
"To you and all Mankind.

"To you, in David's Town this Day,
"Is born, of David's Line,
"The Saviour who is Chriſt the Lord,
"And this ſhall be the Sign:

"The heav'nly Babe you there ſhall find
"To human View diſplay'd,
"All meanly wrapp'd in Swathing-bands
"And in a Manger laid."

Thus ſpake the Seraph; and forthwith
Appear'd a ſhining Throng
Of Angels, praiſing God, and thus
Addreſs'd their joyful Song:

"All

" All Glory be to God on high,
" And to the Earth be Peace:
" Good-Will, henceforth, from Heav'n to Men,
" Begin and never ceaſe."

For *EASTER-DAY.*

SINCE Chriſt, our Paſſover, is ſlain
A Sacrifice for all:
Let all with thankful Hearts agree
To keep the Feſtival:

Not with the Leaven, as of old,
Of Sin and Malice fed;
But with unfeign'd Sincerity,
And Truth's unleaven'd Bread.

Chriſt being rais'd by Pow'r Divine,
And reſcu'd from the Grave,
Shall die no more, Death ſhall on him
No more Dominion have.

For that he dy'd, 'twas for our Sins
He once vouchſaf'd to die:
But that he lives, he lives to God
For all Eternity.

So count yourſelves as dead to Sin,
But graciouſly reſtor'd,
And made henceforth alive to God,
Through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghoſt,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And ſhall be evermore.

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